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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: Requirements for Satellite Photography
for Search and for Technical Intelligence
for F Y 1965

1. This memorandum is for the information of the
Director of Central Intelligence.

2. Last week Dr. Wheelon requested that COMOR
prepare a paper for the Board's consideration which could be
useful to the NRO in facing certain budget decisions. It seemed
to me that this was a proper procedure in view of the fact that
the Director had, on a number of occasions, sought the advice
of the Board on satellite scheduling in the light of requirements.

3. Accordingly, I distributed to the COMOR a paper
which was considered at the regular meeting of the Committee
on 4 October. It was agreed after some preliminary discussion
to hold a special meeting on Monday, 7 October. This meeting
was held and a new draft was developed which the members are
planning to consider prior to the meeting on 10 October. The
critical paragraph in that new, and still preliminary, draft follows:

"A projection of our requirements, based
upon our experience, into types and numbers of
missions may be useful to the D/NRO in devising
his budget for 1965:

"We believe that a minimum
sampling of our requirements could
be satisfied by two successful M-type
missions per month during the summer

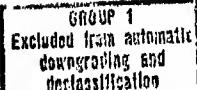
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months (May through September) and one per month during the remaining months of the year. (It may be of interest that we also believe this same schedule during the intervening months through FY 1964 would be adequate.)

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At that meeting it was suggested that the paper ought also to include some view with regard to [redacted]. We plan to add a section on that.

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4. In the course of our discussions, [redacted] of the DIA stated that Mr. Gilpatrick had requested a DOD position by 1 November on the same question not only through FY 1965 but also for two years later.

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5. At the meeting this morning, Mr. Kiefer was present as well as [redacted] of NRO. We spent over two hours of our time discussing the ill-fated COMOR long-term satellite requirements paper (the COMOR-D-13 series) in an effort to find some sensible way to state requirements which would reflect the community's views and also be useful to the NRO. I must say that I am a bit pessimistic about our eventual success. However, we have agreed to meet again within a week. I shall report after that meeting on the outcome along with a recommendation on what the next steps might be.

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